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Pfc. Brandon Eady and Pfc. Lucas Whittaker, both light-wheeled vehicle mechanics assigned to the 103d Engineer Company, excavate a former retaining wall outside a local veteran's home in Mansfield October 23. Eady and Whittaker both volunteered their time during 'Make a Difference Day'.

Soldiers Help veterans dream come true

Story and photo by: **Sgt. Heather Denby**

FORT LEONARD WOOD, Mo. -- Soldiers from the 103d Engineer Company spent their weekend giving back to the community by volunteering their time and skill to rebuild a local veteran's home in preparation for his return from a two-year stay at a long-term care facility after surviving a stroke.

Reconstruction will consist of widening doorways inside the home for wheelchair access, repairing a retaining wall that will support a new driveway and paved ramp leading into the home, and a complete renovation of the downstairs bathroom to become fully handicap accessible.

The project began Saturday in Mansfield and has been funded solely by the veteran, Wright Bogart's daughter, Rhonda Stanton.

"On Father's Day, Wright asked to go home and I just didn't know how we could make that happen," said Stanton.

He had planned to retire in his home and had set aside a specific amount of money to make that happen, but renovating the home for wheelchair accessibility and paying for around-the-clock care weren't exactly calculated into the initial cost, she added.

Read the complete story at the 4th MEB's Facebook Page

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Dauntless Six Sends



Col. Frank Y. Rangel, Jr.
4th MEB Commander

"THANKSGIVING AND WAR BUDDIES"

I recently had the opportunity to visit an old war buddy who lives near Atlanta. He and I have remained close after his retirement, and we try to link up whenever the opportunity presents itself. It's a promise we made to each other, along with the usual, "I'll go to your funeral if you die first just to ensure that at least someone is there to throw dirt on your coffin as they lower it down. And, by the way, don't dress for hot weather."

I know--to the outside observer, this may seem a little morbid, but to guys who've shared some pretty tough times, this is just part of the banter that will continue up until one of us fades away. And, that is the point of my article this month: With

Thanksgiving around the corner, I think of my blessings, and they are many. High on that list are the friends I've made over the past 28 years.

These are friends who have seen me at my best and at my worst, and they still find a reason to tolerate my presence--what patience!

This pal of mine gave me a book that I can't put down. *THE THINGS THEY CARRIED* is a work of fiction based on the real world experiences of a Soldier who entered service during the Vietnam War even though he was a war protestor in college. After a tormenting battle of conscience between choosing to run to Canada to stand up for what he truly believed in and dutifully answering the draft board's call, he decides to avoid humiliation--cowardice--and fight as an infantryman. What follows is a narrative about the spiritual, physical, and mental weight that his unit carries, both as a group and individually, as they go through operation after operation. It is a fascinating story, one that I recommend to those who think about their personal values in deeper terms than what the present situation presents. For many, there is the depression that survivor's remorse and leader's regret bring that must be resolved.

While reading this, it occurred to me that my war buddy was still helping me to carry the weight that I feel for the things I did and failed to do. Moreover, I was doing the same for him. In so many ways beyond the compassion and love that a family gives, or the understanding that a mental health professional can provide, my war buddy provides the empathy that is needed in order to share the burden and therefore "lighten the load."

I don't know if you have a buddy like that. I hope that you do; count yourself as a blessed person if you do. I am lucky because I have a couple.

And because this is the month for Thanksgiving, I am thankful for my war buddies, my family, and the many who make up this great Army. I don't know what motivated you to join the Army in a time of war, but I do know that it was not a draft board that called you. You've made the mental and emotional--and perhaps the spiritual--choice to fight for your country. Because of that, it is my hope that whatever "weight" you carry now be lightened by the friendship of a war buddy who believes and remembers as you do.

This is Dauntless Six, Over...



Chaplain (MAJ) Christopher F. Edwards
4th MEB, Brigade Chaplain

Chaplain's Corner

"The Oath"

I do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the

Constitution of the United States against all enemies foreign and domestic,

And that I will bear true faith allegiance to the same, and that I will obey the orders of the President of the United States

and the orders of the officers appointed over me according to regulations and the Uniform Code of Military Justice.

So help me God!

Every Soldier has taken this sworn oath to defend the Constitution against all enemies. With this oath, every Soldier puts his or her life on the line for the defense of our nation. Every Soldier has this sworn duty to uphold. Not some Soldiers, but every Soldier. It is the very soul of the Soldier, and the core of our being. Our fighting spirit comes from the soul.

During the initial war in Iraq (March 2003) as a chaplain with the 3rd Infantry Division, I often reminded my soldiers that we took a solemn oath to defend our nation against all enemies – foreign and domestic. I explained to them that this was the "foreign" part. Fighting a war is not easy, especially when you are 8,000 miles away from home. It takes soul power to fight, and then keep on fighting to the end. We need God to help us fulfill our oath faithfully. God has, will, and shall continue to help us fulfill our duty. "So help me God!" is a prayer for help.

This is an awesome responsibility, and not one to be taken lightly. The soul of the Soldier is very important. The soul is where we live on the inside and is the seat of our emotions, heart, will and desires. The soul is the part of us that never dies, and is always conscious of the Creator. The soul is eternal. General George C. Marshall captured the essence of Spirituality and Soldiering when he said:

"The Soldier's heart, the Soldier's spirit, and the Soldier's soul are everything.

Unless the Soldier's soul sustains him (her), he (she) cannot be relied upon and will fail himself (herself) and his (her) country in the end."

It is for this reason the soul is to be nurtured. The soul has to be fed soul food. If we want our bodies to be strong, we must eat right, exercise and get the proper rest. If we want our souls to be strong, we must eat right (spiritual food), exercise (spiritual training), and get proper rest (prayer and meditation). This is how we nurture our souls. One could say that a correct formula for success is to be physically fit and spiritually fit. Both require hard work. Jesus said, "What shall it profit a person if they gain the whole world and lose their soul?" "What shall a person give in exchange for their soul?" Jesus placed a high value on the soul, and so do we. There is no monetary price for a soul. The only equivalent value to a soul is another soul.

In the African-American community there is thing called "Soul Food". Soul food items are collard greens, black-eyed peas, fried chicken, pork chops, coun-

try honey cured hams, fried corn, corn on the cob, corn bread, neck-bones and potatoes, cabbage greens, mustard greens, turnip greens, fried potatoes, fat-back, tomatoes, okra, candied yams, sweet potato pie, caramel cake, homemade lemonade, homemade ice cream, Kool-Aid, sun-tea/ice-tea, etc., etc., etc. (I get hungry just talking about it.) It is called soul food because it sticks to you and it puts meat on your bones. As Soldiers, we need meat on our spiritual bones. We need something that will sustain us and help us to be strong when faced with adversity. The question is not if we will have adversity as a soldier, the question is when. And when the time comes, will your soul have the power to stand the test?

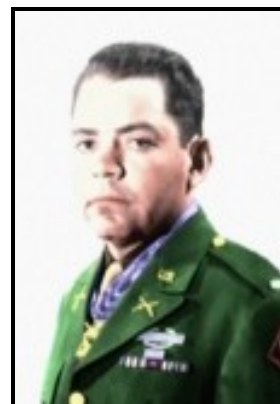
Moses was a Soldier. Joshua was a Soldier. Caleb was a Soldier. Gideon was a Soldier. David was a Soldier. Cornelius was a Soldier. Charles the Great was a Soldier. Joan of Arc was a Soldier. George Washington was a Soldier. Abraham Lincoln was a Soldier. There are many more who can be added to the list. All of the aforementioned have two things in common: (1) They all faced adversity; (2) They all looked to God who sustained their souls in battle during times of war. And like these Soldiers, we too, will face adversity in our profession.

God loves the soul of a Soldier. God understands the soul of the Soldier and knows the hardships Soldiers must face. God protects and provides for the Soldier in battle. God is always there to strengthen the life and family of a Soldier. A Soldier who puts trust in God will always find strength for the fight and nourishment and rest for the soul!

NOVEMBER: American Indian Heritage Month

"The indigenous peoples of North America -- the First Americans -- have woven rich and diverse threads into the tapestry of our Nation's heritage. Throughout their long history on this great land, they have faced moments of profound triumph and tragedy alike. During National Native American Heritage Month, we recognize their many accomplishments, contributions, and sacrifices, and we pay tribute to their participation in all aspects of American society."

A Proclamation by President Barack Obama



CSI Training Hones Iraqi Police Officer Skills

*Story and photo by Sgt. Ricardo Branch,
2nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team, 25th Infantry Division*

FORWARD OPERATING BASE WARHORSE, Iraq – The Iraqi policeman walks up slowly, scanning and searching the side of an abandoned car. He stops for a second, hunches down and looks into the wheel well of a suspicious looking vehicle. The policeman satisfied, nods to his commander and moves off, while another officer takes over to begin the next steps of the investigation.

The scene of the investigation consists of four vehicles called in by a roll player so the Iraqi police can ensure there's no danger for the people operating out of Forward Operating Base Warhorse.

For the Iraqi police force in Baqubah and Soldiers of the 512th Military Police Company, 92nd Military Police Battalion, crime scenes and investigations are normal; however, each organization's methods are as different as the uniforms they wear.

The differences of each service prompted both organizations to conduct a combined crime scene investigation course Sept. 24 on Warhorse.

"We brought the Iraqi police here to show them the ways we go over a crime scene," said 1st Lt. Steven Harloff, a platoon leader with the 512th MP Company. "We're both of different police forces and have different ways of operating. Some of the techniques we use to search or cover a crime scene ... may be different for Iraqis, but they can really [and often times] benefit."

The Iraqi police are trained in the fundamental techniques to fight crime. They can cordon off an area, detain individuals, search areas and gather the basic information necessary to arrest suspects breaking the law of Iraq. Things such as dusting for fingerprints, analyzing those prints, and going over powder residue are still difficult skills for many of the law enforcement personnel.

"What we're trying to do is get the Diyala Special Investigation Team started," Harloff said. "It's currently an investigative team that involves U.S. and Iraqi forces, but what we're doing with a lot of mission rehearsals is refining the Iraqi team concept for them."

The team concept is to gather all the different elements together – the policemen who handles the initial investigation, the officers who go over the evidence, and the personnel who analyze the prints, and get them working side-by-side to hone the advanced police officer skills.

"The training we're doing is showing them safer methods to search a vehicle, how to properly check for prints, and how to deal with bystanders near the scene of a crime," Harloff said. "All of this together will help get the Diyala investigate team more skilled in their tasks to better analyze crime scenes. Basically, it's CSI, the proper way to analyze everything in a crime scene."

During the training, Iraqi police dismounted from mine resistant ambush protected vehicles [MRAPs] and taped off the crime scene ... securing the area. The policemen then broke off into two teams, one group to search the vehicles, another group to question the bystanders.

"We saw a lot of things immediately when they began the steps to search the scene," Harloff said. "One group immediately called in explosive ordnance disposal [EOD] when they found a "sticky bomb," the other questioned the bystanders before they could leave the area."

The Anandale, Minn., native remarked the Iraqi police he's witnessed have come a long way based on what he witnessed in the CSI training. The consistent training throughout the years has improved the Iraqi Police force methods to investigate a crime scene.

"They are coming along real well," Harloff said. "Anytime we can have an opportunity to work with them is a good experience for everyone because we can see what they do well and give them advice to improve on areas they might be lacking."

Since the start of Operation New Dawn, the focus has shifted for U.S. troops to a "advise and assist" role in Iraq. The Iraqis have taken the lead role in protecting their country. For the Iraqis taking part in the Warhorse training, their focus hasn't shifted but has remained steadfast – to improve on what they know and take the steps skills necessary to learn what they don't know.

"The American officers [law enforcement personnel] are very skilled in many of the information gathering techniques," said Capt. Ahdib Sa'ad haid, an Iraqi Police officer from the Diyala IP station.

"These courses really do make a big difference for the Iraqi police," said Pfc. Nicole Gray, a military policeman with the 512th MP Company. "I'm glad we're working with them because what we see gives us all confidence that the IPs will be in good shape for when we leave this country."



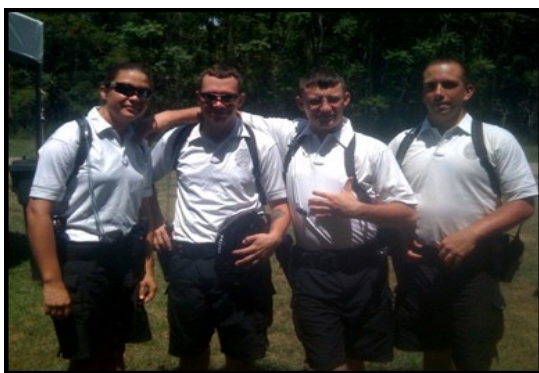
U.S. Army 1st Lt. Steven Harloff, a platoon leader with the 512th MP Company, listens to Iraqi police officers going over their plan during crime scene investigation training, Sept. 21, at Forward Operating Base Warhorse. The MP soldiers monitored the training and offered invaluable assistance to improve on the IPs crime fighting skills.

463rd MP's at 100th National Scout Jamboree

Photos and Information from Capt. Laura Weimer, 463rd MP Company

Late summer 2010, the 463d Military Police Company and the 13th MP Co deployed to Ft. A.P. Hill, Virginia to provide law enforcement security for the Centennial Anniversary of the National Boy Scout Jamboree. As the only active duty MP CO serving in support of the Jamboree, the company's Solid Warriors were looked to for law enforcement refresher training and additional support in supply operations. The 463d was tasked to organize as part of the Emergency Forces Task Force (approximately 650 Soldiers and civilians), which was part of the National Scout Jamboree Joint Task Force, led by Brig. Gen. Nolan, 5th Army Commander, who had command and control of both active duty and National Guard units and individual augmentees.

Overall, our mission of securing the National Boy Scout Jamboree benefited multiple organizations and groups of people in addition to supporting the Boy Scouts of America. The 463d Military Police Company represented not only the 4th MEB, Ft. Leonard Wood, and the MP Corps, but also the US Army to nearly 100,000 citizens from around the country and the world. The lasting impression on the Scouts, leaders, and guests may never be realized, but will undoubtedly be shown through dedicated and loyal future Soldiers and the American community that supports us.



SOLDIERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT



(Left) Soldiers from the 4th MEB take a break for some "organized fun" at the Boy Scout National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.

A 4th MEB Soldier shares a moment with a few participants at the National Scout jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va.



(Left) 4th MEB MP's participate in a tug of war at the Boy Scout National Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, Va. .

Volunteer of the Month

Do you volunteer? Know someone who does? Tell us about it!
Call the 4th MEB Public Affairs office (573) 596-0131 ext. 6-5216

SOLDIERS IN THE SPOTLIGHT

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These Soldiers from the 193rd participated in a mass re-enlistment ceremony October 1st.

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